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SUBJECT: GARBA'S COMMENTS ON ZIMBABWE NATIONALIST LEADERS AND THE
ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS

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1. IN AN AIRPORT INTERVIEW ON THE EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE
FOR MOSCOW NOVEMBER 26, MEA COMMISSIONER GARBA CRITICIZED ZIMBABWEAN
NATIONALIST LEADERS FOR ADOPTING "CONTRADICTIONARY"
POSITIONS AND ASSERTED THAT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN
PROPOSALS ARE STILL ALIVE.

2. WITHOUT NAMING ANY PARTICULAR LEADERS, GARBA
SAID, "I THINK IT WILL BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE
NATIONALISTS THEMSELVES TO STOP BEING CONTRADICTIONARY.
THEY CONTRADICT THEMSELVES WHEN IT SUITS THEM AND THIS
IS VERY UNFORTUNATE." HE ADDED, " IT IS IN THEIR OWN
INTEREST TO BE CONSISTENT AND HARMONIZE THEIR VIEWS IF
THEIR COUNTRY MUST BE FREE."

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3. COMMENTING ON UANC VICE PRESIDENT CHIKEREMA'S FEAR THAT
THE PATRIOTIC FRONT MIGHT BE IMPOSED ON THE COUNTRY, GARBA
SAID THAT IT WOULD BE IMPROPER TO IMPOSE A LEADER ON
ZIMBABWE. " WE WON'T IMPOSE ANY LEADERS ON ZIMBABWEANS. THE
CHOICE OF WHO LEADS ZIMBABWE AFTER INDEPENDENCE IS
ENTIRELY THE PREROGATIVE OF ZIMBABWEANS."

4. ON SMITH'S CLAIM THAT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PEACE PLAN IS DEAD, GARBA SAID TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE THE PROPOSALS WER STILL ALIVE. END UNCLASSIFIED.
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5. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT THE EFFORTS OF THE SECRETARY AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO REASSURE GARBA ABOUT THE CONTINUING VIABILITY OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLANS WERE GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL. END SECRET EXDIS.
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